

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



Cora Campbell, Commissioner
Jeff Regnart, Director



Contact:
Jeff Estensen, Area Management Biologist
Dayna Green, Asst. Area Management Biologist
Phone: (907) 459-7274
Fax: (907) 459-7271

Upper Yukon Area Office
1300 College Road
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Date Issued: 9/17/12
Time: 12:00 p.m.

2012 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 52 **Fall Announcement # 44, Subdistrict 4-A Commercial Period 7** Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

In Subdistrict 4-A, commercial fishing will be open for one 5-day fishing period from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 18, until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 23. Gillnets will be restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for Subdistrict 4-A through September 16 is 1,214 fall chum salmon.

For the entire Subdistrict 4-A, no Chinook salmon can be sold during this commercial opening. Fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. **Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets.** All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as "not sold". **Commercial fishermen should confirm their market prior to commercial fishing.**

In Subdistrict 4-A, subsistence salmon fishing is currently open 7 days per week. Use of drift gillnets to harvest fall chum salmon is allowed in that portion of Subdistrict 4-A from Stink Creek upstream to Cone Point during open subsistence fishing periods.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

-end-